

ROBBERS' WARE

ROBBERIES OF MRS. KETCHAM

Negro Surprised in Apartment
Beats and Strangles Wife
of Representative.

EMPLOYED AS HALLBOY

He Fells Elderly Woman with Weapon and Chokes Her with Handkerchief.

FLEES, BELIEVING HER DEAD

Youth Had Broken Open a Trunk and Bureau and Had Stolen a Watch and Money Before Discovered.

Severely beaten, strangled and left for dead by a young negro robber who had surprised her in her apartment, Mrs. Augusta Ketcham, wife of Major General John Henry Ketcham, who represents the Eighteenth Congressional district of this State in the National House of Representatives, was yesterday confined to her home, No. 316 West Eighty-second street. Her left collarbone is broken and she has a severe contusion on the left side of the head. Her assailant, after stunning her, tied a handkerchief about her neck.

Harry Miller is the name given by the boy who was hired as hallboy of the apartment house where the Ketcham family reside. It was on Saturday that he attacked Mrs. Ketcham. Investigation into this boy's history revealed yesterday that he had been a prisoner at the House of Refuge, from which he was released last June, after serving a term for attempted burglary.

MEMBERS OF FAMILY AWAY.
General Ketcham and his daughter were at their country home, at Dover Plains, Dutchess county, and the two sons, Harry B. Ketcham, a lawyer, whose office is at No. 35 Wall street, and Charles B. Ketcham, a broker at No. 9 Broad street, spent their nights in the apartment.

Mrs. Ketcham was practically alone during the day. The attack was made on the second floor of the house. Mrs. Ketcham, after a visit down town, entered the apartment, walked into the parlor and then went to the rear parlor, where she opened a closet door. She was confronted by Miller, who was hiding in the closet.

"I was dumfounded," said Mrs. Ketcham yesterday, "I exclaimed, 'Why, Harry, how came you here and what are you doing?' He then drew a knife and sprang toward me, striking me on the left shoulder with a section of gas pipe which he held in his right hand. He then ran to the front parlor and followed me. The boy then struck me on the left side of the head and I fell to the floor unconscious. I did not recover until about fifteen or twenty minutes, and then I ran to the parlor window and screamed. Several tenants of the house, who were in the street, came to my assistance. I found that the boy had tied a handkerchief about my neck and that my hands were loose, so I was still able to breathe."

Policeman McGinty, of the West Sixty-eighth street station, who reported the occurrence, said that the robber who had thought that he had left Mrs. Ketcham for dead, Mrs. Ketcham, who is a Christian Scientist, at first refused medical aid, but toward evening, when she complained of a severe pain in her shoulder, she was induced to permit a physician to treat her, and he found that her left collarbone was fractured.

Miller had assigned detectives to the case and a general alarm was sent out for Miller. His family has been a carefully watched for some time, but up to a late hour last night he had not been caught.

MILLER MADE WEAPON.
Miller entered the apartment through an open window. The weapon with which he struck Mrs. Ketcham had been made in the cellar of the house. It was a section of gas pipe about eighteen inches in length, which he had flattened at one end so that it could be used for a mallet. The end of this improvised burglar's tool, Miller broke open a trunk and pried open several bureau drawers. He obtained \$5 in money and a gold watch, but he was unable to take them, and he was unable to complete his work before he was surprised by Mrs. Ketcham.

Charles B. Ketcham said last night that he was surprised on Monday, upon his return from visiting his wife and child in Massachusetts, to find the attack on his mother, for she had tried to prevent even him from learning of it, fearing it would alarm him.

MR. KETCHAM SAID THAT HIS MOTHER IS progressing favorably, and no serious results are anticipated from her injuries.

MR. CLEVELAND DENIES IT.

Not a Word of Politics Will Cross My Lips at Chicago Dinner, He Says.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
CHICAGO, Ill., Monday.—Grover Cleveland has set Wednesday, October 14, as the date on which he will speak in Chicago, at the Commercial Club's banquet.

In his letter of acceptance to James H. Eckels, who invited Mr. Cleveland on behalf of the club, the former President deprecated the spread of the report that he would discuss politics on this occasion. He said:

"I wonder whether it cannot in some way be given out more emphatically than has been done that in what I say at the club's dinner not a single word of politics will cross my lips, and that my so-called address will be simply an after dinner talk of probably a half hour."

21 HURT IN A WRECK.

Freight and Passenger Trains in a Collision on Manhattan Road.

Hawthorne Cr., Ind., Monday.—A head-on collision at twenty minutes to three o'clock this morning between a west bound passenger and freight train resulted in twenty-one persons being injured.

The more seriously injured are George Aldworth, Christopher Gerhardt, William J. Wells and E. Barrett, of Chicago. The freight train was delayed on the main track by a broken drawbar, and a fog prevented the passenger engine driver from seeing a flag signal sent ahead until too late.

\$975 FINE FOR GROCER.

For selling liquor without a license a fine of \$975, the price of a license, was imposed yesterday in the Court of Special Sessions. Brooklyn, on Henry Bond Asker, a grocer, No. 1322 Second avenue, Bay Ridge. Thinking the punishment too severe, Judge Wilkins granted to the defendant a certificate of reasonable doubt in order that he may appeal at once.

Asker was tried before Judges Fleming, Courtney and Wilkins. Judges Fleming and Courtney found him guilty. Asker paid the fine under protest.

CYCLIST IN BROADWAY PERIL.

Charles Awe, a merchant, of Maspeth, L. I., was knocked from his bicycle, in Broadway, at Nineteenth street, yesterday, and was saved from being run over by a passing motor car and by the agility of Patrolman Mulholland, of the Broadway squad.

Awe was riding by the car tracks, when his wheel slipped and threw him in front of the wagon. Mulholland dragged him from under the wagon just in time to prevent the wheels running over the prostrate man. Awe was unconscious, and his face and hands were bruised and cut.

Mrs. Ketcham and Home Where She Was Robbed



BARRICADES AT BROOKAW HOUSE

Lawyer So Informs the Court in Suit Against Dr. Woodend.

TO SERVE HIM BY MAIL

Will Thus Reach Lessor of Elberon Stables Used for Physician's Show

Dr. William H. Woodend, of Elberon, did not appear yesterday in person or by counsel to argue a motion for an order to restrain him from maintaining a stable which Mrs. Margaret A. Bingham has made affidavit is a nuisance. Thomas P. Fay, representing Mrs. Bingham, was the only one interested to appear before Vice Chancellor Stevenson, in Jersey City. The case was postponed until August 17.

Mr. Fay later told the Court that the stable was owned by William V. Brokaw, of Great Neck, L. I., and he wanted to make Mr. Brokaw a party to the suit and asked an order restraining Mr. Brokaw from leasing the stable to anybody for the purpose for which Dr. Woodend uses it.

Mr. Fay said he had been unable to communicate with Mr. Brokaw by telephone. Mr. Brokaw was always out, and Mr. Fay said he understood the Brokaw house was guarded and barricaded, so it would be impossible to serve a personal notice. He asked that he be permitted to serve a notice by mail, and the permission was granted.

William V. Brokaw is the father of William G. Brokaw, against whom Mrs. Kathryn Pollin has begun suit for breach of promise.

Dr. Woodend was one of the exhibitors at the story from Omaha that a general rise in the prices of beef all over the country is contemplated by them and that in some Western cities quotations have already been advanced.

In the offices of Armour & Co. it was said that so long as the market for cattle continues steady and prices remain substantially as they are, no increase in the price to retailers need be looked for.

In Swift & Co.'s office it was said that not only was no increase expected, but that the chances rather favored a lowering of prices.

New York Butchers Say Prices Have Not Advanced.

"There has been no advance yet in the price of beef in the East," said a Washington Market butcher, yesterday, "but we are expecting one. There is plenty of cattle in the West, but cattlemen are getting better prices."

Ferdinand Sulzberger, of Schwaartzschild & Sulzberger, said: "The conditions are normal, and there appears to be no cause for alarm. If the supply of cattle continues good, prices will not be advanced."

Sale of Daly's Club Postponed.

"Phil" Daly's Pennsylvania Club at Long Branch, N. J., will not be sold at Sheriff's sale," said a person near to the Daly family last night. The sale was booked to take place yesterday, but an adjournment for three weeks was granted.

The Daly property is worth in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The opinion prevails that the club property at West End will be cut up into building lots and sold in the near future.

Court Utters a Smoke Law Warning

Judge Mayer Declares the City Must Not Drive Away Commercial Interests, and Advises a Patient and Fair Enforcement.

In the case of William Devlin, chief engineer of the New York Edison power houses, in First avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, who was charged with violating the soft coal ordinance, Judge Mayer, in Special Sessions yesterday, said:

"This is a commercial community. We have driven too many commercial interests outside of the city. We want the business and the money to stay in this community. We are compelled in the construction of the ordinance to find the defendant guilty, and we do so find him. As to the punishment, we realize that this is the situation."

"On the one hand are the residents of the neighborhood, and their personal comfort must be considered. On the other hand we have this great commercial concern, which is of great value to the community; a value that cannot be done without. Even those who are suffering discomforts from this plant are also receiving benefits therefrom."

"We are satisfied that this company is doing all in its power to relieve this trouble."

"This case will be put over until the 30th of this month, when, if the nuisance has been abated, sentence will be suspended."

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'LOOK EASTMAN' IS EXTRAITED

Lamar's Former Coachman's Charge of Assault Goes to New Jersey Court Again.

FIGHT AND A WRIT HERE

Senator Grady Attacks McMahon in the Hearing Before a City Magistrate.

GOES TO OFFICE AS USUAL

Within the Last Week His Acquaintances Have Remarked on His Apparent Good Health.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
ASAP, N. Y., Monday.—Lieutenant Governor Higgins, Acting Governor, today authorized the extradition of Joseph Kennedy, or Brown, and William Delaney, alias "Monk" Eastman, to New Jersey, to stand trial for assault on James McMahon, formerly a coachman for David Lamar, of New York City.

The requisition papers came to this city on Friday, and were followed by a request from Senator Thomas F. Grady, attorney for the two men, that no action be taken until an opportunity be afforded his clients to oppose it.

Lieutenant Governor Higgins telegraphed on Saturday that he would come to Albany and give a hearing at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, and a telegram to that effect was sent to Senator Grady on Saturday evening.

John G. Foster, prosecuting officer of Montmouth county, N. J., was at the executive chamber this afternoon to urge the Lieutenant Governor to grant the requisition, but Senator Grady did not appear, nor was any word received from him. Lieutenant Governor Higgins remained in the city, and the men charged with the assault were taken to the New Jersey State Prison.

When the two men were arraigned, Senator Grady announced that he would attack the prima facie case established by the District Attorney and call the complainant, James McMahon, "have you?" began Senator Grady.

"No," replied the coachman. "I have not seen him since he was arrested in Allentown, Pa."

Again McMahon denied the allegation. "Didn't you," continued the Senator, "see him in his brother's apartment?" McMahon replied that he had seen him in the apartment, but that he had not seen him since he was arrested in Allentown, Pa.

Senator Grady at this point abandoned his inquisition. The District Attorney had made out his case. "These prisoners," he continued, "have been identified as the men who are wanted in New Jersey. I shall, therefore, sign the order of commitment."

"Eastman" and Brown were taken back to the Tombs.

Wife Quickly Pays It and Says Husband Has Grown Careless.

In a suit to recover a feed bill to the amount of \$123.08 brought by Gynn & Delaney, feed merchants at Atlantic Highlands, against David Lamar, judgment was given to the plaintiffs before Judge Packer, at Sea Bright, yesterday.

The amount of the claim in his possession, remittance being made by Mrs. Lamar, who made the payment, the judgment was satisfied, appeared personally and told the Judge that her husband had become careless in the payment of his bills.

This is the second judgment that Lamar has paid since Saturday, the other being for \$100, claimed by James McMahon for wages as coachman.

Truxton Beale Has "Blood in Eye"

Report That He Intends to Rout Professor Langley and His Airship Crew from Chappawamsic Island for Non-Existent Grievance.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
CHICAGO, Ill., Monday.—A special despatch from Washington to an evening paper has what purports to be a serious account of a swashbuckling expedition to be undertaken by Truxton Beale, of Washington and California. The despatch reads:

"Mr. Beale is on the path of Professor Langley, of airship fame. It was Beale's intention to go down for a few days to Chappawamsic Island, where the Mount Vernon Ducking Association has a club headquarters for the workers of the air. He is himself a member of the club, and a charter member of the club. He telephoned down and discovered that Professor Langley, who is also a member of the club, had taken possession of the grounds."

Not only did Professor Langley harbor twelve or fourteen men as guests, but on his instructions no outsiders were permitted at the club, though they might hold cards issued by members. Newspaper men especially were barred from landing on the island.

"When Mr. Beale heard of this he was angry and called on a few newspaper men who had been shut out."

"Come with me Tuesday morning," he said, "there are fourteen of them and about six of us. Can you shoot?"

"To-morrow morning," Mr. Beale and his newspaper friends will make a descent on the club. He will demand the withdrawal of the airship intruders, and they will be ordered to clear them out at the point of pistols. Then he will send for his bride, who is in New York, and resume his honeymoon, with a few reporters as guests, while they are watching the attempt of the "Buxard" to navigate the air."

Mr. Beale's Anger Appears To Be Without Cause.

RUSSELL SAGE IS FIGHTING BURGGLARS IN THE DARK

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Russell Sage, still the largest loaner in Wall street and said to have more ready money than any other individual in the street, today celebrated his eighty-seventh anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Sage will celebrate the day by working. "What will I do to-morrow?" Mr. Sage repeated in response to a friend's inquiry yesterday. "Why, I'll be at my office. I always have a good market on my birthday."

Mr. Sage's health is still good, so it was said, at his home, in Fifth avenue, last night. The financier this time last year was at his summer home, at Cedarhurst, L. I., but owing to the cool weather he has remained in his city home, which enables him to be nearer his office. Work and Wall street are still his ruling passions.

Mr. Sage's memory is not so good as it was a few years ago, but he can still engineer a good financial deal.

Physically Mr. Sage does not seem to have altered. He has been at his office at half-past ten o'clock nearly every day of the week, accompanied by his attendant, W. M. Menzies, who a man looked back at the same Russell Sage of fifteen years ago.

Mr. Sage leaves his office at three o'clock in the afternoon and goes driving behind his favorite pair of bays. He was enjoying his drive in Fifth avenue with Menzies yesterday, looking contented and happy.

Mr. Sage's business affairs are all in good order. His small office staff is composed of aged men, who are trained in his service. Mr. Sage on collateral security contains a clause that in case of his death the loan will not be disturbed. As Mr. Sage has large sums of money in the street, it was feared in the past that his death might occasion a disarrangement of the money market. So after his illness last fall the new clauses were inserted in his contracts.

Mr. Sage was born in a small hamlet in Oneida county, New York. After working on his father's farm, he became an errand boy in his brother's grocery store, and in 1858 was elected to Congress, in which he served two terms. Since he moved to New York, in 1863, there have been few important changes in the financial world in which his influence has not been felt.

MANY ALLEN CREDITORS.

Five Judgments Are Filed Against Grandson of Late Commodore Vanderbilt.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Monday.—There are many lawsuits in store for William S. Vanderbilt Allen, the great-grandson of Commodore Vanderbilt, because of judgments filed in the Supreme Court at White Plains and the action of the creditors in obtaining injunctions restraining him from disposing of his property.

When Mr. Allen was released from a Connecticut sanitarium, where he had been confined for several months last year, he was made a ward of the State of New York, and his property was placed in the hands of a receiver, who is now liquidating his estate.

Five judgments have been filed against Mr. Allen, aggregating about \$150,000.

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